

REMARKS

Claims 1-5, 8-16, and 18-26 are pending in the present application. Claim 19 was amended. Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for the allowance of claims 1-5, 8-16, 18, and 26. Reconsideration of the remaining rejected claims is respectfully requested.

Applicants also wish to thank the Examiner for the courtesy of extending to Applicants a telephone interview on January 20, 2006. During the interview, the Examiner stated that claims 19-25 (the only claims currently rejected) would be allowable if Applicants amended claim 19 to recite "communications through at least one port of the computer with at least one peripheral device." In this Response, Applicants have so amended claim 19. Therefore, the amendments made in this Response put all pending claims in condition for immediate allowance. Applicants thus respectfully request that the Examiner enter the amendments pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.116 and allow claims 1-5, 8-16, and 18-26.

It is respectfully urged that the subject application is patentable over the prior art of record and is now in condition for allowance.

The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number if in the opinion of the Examiner such a telephone conference would expedite or aid the prosecution and examination of this application.

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